

10,000 Pupils Crowded From High Schools

Failure to Construct More Buildings Means No Seats for Half of Registrants as February Term Opens

Teacher Force Too Small

Board of Estimate's Paring Compels 91 Instructors to Do All Work of 176

Officials of the Department of Education expressed concern yesterday over a situation which with the opening of the new school term February 1 will leave them practically helpless to accommodate properly 10,000 to 11,000 more high school pupils than the department ever has had to care for in a similar period. Failure of the city to construct a sufficient number of new school buildings to provide for an increasing number of children attending or seeking to attend school is, as it has been for several years, the primary reason for this condition.

Clarence E. Meloney, associate superintendent in charge of high schools, is working to get the estimated total of 10,000 to 11,000 new high school pupils next month to be satisfactorily housed. He also is wondering how nine new high schools authorized for the coming term are to do the work of 176 that are currently needed to instruct the new pupils. Paring of the Board of Education's budget for this school year by the Board of Estimate cut just one-third from the total asked for the employment of new teachers and for additional activities.

The increase in high school registrations forecast for the new term is the logical yearly gain, but since this increase is larger every year than the year preceding and housing facilities have kept lagging in spite of the constant growth, school officials point to a corresponding growth in the seriousness of the situation as regards both the high and the elementary schools. On double session there are 100,000 children, as compared with 191,000 a year ago.

Part-time instruction had fallen, however, from 80,000 on November 30, 1920, to 70,400 on November 30, 1921. Figures for December, 1921, are not yet available, but these figures show a slight increase over any preceding month. In November, 1920, it was 786,088; in November, 1919, it was 763,751; in November, 1918, 762,034; and November, 1917, 749,820. These figures are evidence of the continued increase in attendance from year to year. According to those administering the schools, the need to increase the number of schools and the care of these yearly gains in registration plus all the overlapping attendance which has made necessary, for years, the carrying on of part-time and double session instruction.

"The growth in attendance and the department's inability to accommodate all pupils properly show that the housing situation is becoming increasingly difficult of solution," an official of the department said yesterday. "Strategic efforts are being made to meet this problem. Repairs of old buildings are being made as speedily as possible and wherever possible the seating is being

improved. Fortunately the attendance shows a slump after the beginning of each school year and the congestion is relieved to some extent as the school year progresses."

Another element of relief, the official said, was in the fact that about 3 per cent of those registering for instruction in the fall of each year do not attend. The present school year, however, has shown an abnormal increase in both registrations and attendance due, in part, to the poor economic conditions, which have caused many children to re-enter school for lack of employment; the stay-in-school drive instituted last year and the large increase in immigration last spring and summer.

The greater number of pupils who will enter the high schools February 1 form the chief concern of the school authorities. Figures obtained by The Tribune yesterday from Dr. Meloney show the estimated high school registration for the term beginning February 1 to be 91,788, or 13,511 more than on February 1, 1921. The total number of new high school admissions at the opening of the new term is estimated at 20,246. Only 4,355 pupils will be graduated at the end of this month. Those to be discharged are estimated at 2,380. The estimates of new attendance are based on the advance registrations now in progress and upon figures of the preceding year's enrollment.

"The high school accommodations are quite inadequate," said Dr. Meloney. "The completion of the building now planned for will not relieve the conditions to any large extent. There are only five schools in which there are no pupils on double or part-time sessions, and all but two of these have annexes. No high school in this city should have over 2,000 or 2,500 pupils. We should have thirty-five or forty high schools. We have twenty-nine."

Some of the schools have two separate sessions—one in forenoon and one in the afternoon, and to end, such as the Stuyvesant, Morris and Manual Training. Most of the annexes, of which there are twenty-five separate ones and a total of fifty-four buildings, are on double sessions, and other schools are organized on overlapping sessions like Washington Irving.

Additions are being erected to enlarge Bryant, Newtown and Curtis high schools. Plans have been made for Julia Richman, George Washington and Brownsville high schools, for which there are sites. A site has been selected for the new Girls' Commercial High School, and a new building has been acquired and is being equipped for Technical High School, in Brooklyn.

Half of Freshmen Class of Harvard Use Tobacco

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 24.—Examination for compulsory physical tests at Harvard University show that 48 per cent of the members of the freshman class smoke. This showing is slightly better than in the business school, where 54 per cent of the students partake of the weed in some form.

The tests were made by Dr. Roger L. Lee, professor of hygiene, and a corps of assistants, who examined 931 "regular" freshmen and 282 first year men in the business school. Other discoveries are of special interest. For instance, less than 1 per cent of the freshmen were shown to suffer from tooth decay. Only a half of 1 per cent had teeth that required immediate attention. The number neglecting their eyesight was equally low. Nearly 63 per cent of the newcomers have had their tonsils operated upon. This proportion is much higher than that of a year ago and it has mounted steadily for several years.

Mrs. Harding Sends Message by Pigeon



The President's wife is here shown sending the homing bird on its way from Washington to the Poultry Show in Madison Square Garden in New York. The pigeon is Ammandale Wonder, which flew from Chicago to Washington in 17 hours and 40 minutes.

Eno Berated Guest Late At Dinner. Woman Says

Hearing, Memory and Sight of Millionaire Said to Have Failed in His Last Year

Miss Mary P. Morgan, of Washington, formerly a prominent worker in the suffrage cause, was the principal witness yesterday at the trial in Surrogate's Court of the contest of the will of Amos P. Eno. She was once a social secretary to two of Eno's sisters. Miss Morgan, called as a witness by the contestants, testified that in 1914 and 1915, the latter being the year of Eno's death, the millionaire had changed in many respects. His hearing had become badly affected, his eyesight was not as it had been and his memory was poor. Miss Morgan said that in one day Mr. Eno told her three times about falling down a companion way on a steamship coming from Europe.

Miss Morgan also testified as to a dinner party at the Eno summer residence in Saratoga. There were present a Mr. and Mrs. Hawes. Mr. Eno, the host, said Miss Morgan, berated Mrs. Hawes, his guest, for coming late to dinner. Mrs. Hawes tried to explain. "That will do, I don't want to talk to you," the testator was quoted as saying. That afternoon the party went for an automobile ride, when Mr. Eno, after talking pleasantly to Mrs. Hawes, suddenly reverted to her late-ness at dinner and again chided her, saying he was not glad to see her.

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Labor Accepts Undermyer's Building Plan

"Workers Ready to Relieve Housing Situation Even at Great Sacrifices," Says Trades Council Secretary

Wage Parley Agreed On

Union and Employers Indorse Arbitration Suggested by Lockwood Attorney

The executive committee of the Building Trades Council "accepted in principle" yesterday the plan of Samuel Undermyer, chief counsel for the Lockwood committee, for relieving the housing situation through the construction of 1,500 apartment houses to cost approximately \$100,000,000.

This was announced by Charles Burns, secretary of the council, following a meeting of the committee.

"The council will recommend the plan to all the building trades locals in New York City," said Mr. Burns. "In addition, the committee will meet with Mr. Undermyer in the near future to begin discussions of the details and to determine a basis for the participation of organized labor in carrying out the project."

Workers Ready to Aid Public

"Workers in the building trades stand ready at all times to aid the public in relieving the housing situation, and are anxious to support any effective plan toward that end, even at great sacrifice to themselves. Inasmuch as the cheapest apartment building now constructed is on a basis of a \$14-a-room rental, the Undermyer plan, which is on a basis of \$8-a-room rental, should be welcomed with the greatest enthusiasm by the general public."

Mr. Burns announced also that the Building Trades Council again had made clear to a group of about twenty leading financial and business organizations, headed by Walter Stabler, comptroller of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, its determination to stand by its acceptance of Mr. Undermyer's plan for arbitration of the 1922 wage scale and working conditions with the Building Trades Employers' Association.

This action was taken by the executive committee in response to another letter from Mr. Stabler, in which he said that he had again discussed arbitration proposals with C. G. Norman, chairman of the association, and that the latter continued to favor participation of Mr. Stabler's group.

with representatives of the public also taking part.

Wage Arbitration Plan

In replying to Mr. Stabler the executive committee once more pointed out that the Building Trades Council already had indorsed the Undermyer plan, and concluded its letter as follows:

"Your body can render no greater service in the matter than by urging the Building Trades Employers' Association to accept the solution offered by Mr. Undermyer."

When he announced the \$100,000,000 apartment construction project, Mr. Undermyer put forward the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as its chief financial backer, and also took occasion to criticize the Mutual Life Insurance Company. This criticism led Charles J. Peabody, president of the latter concern, to observe that he "didn't think any intelligent man would take the plan seriously."

"It all depends on what Mr. Peabody means by an 'intelligent man,'" observed Mr. Undermyer by way of reply to this.

Lowman Finds Dry Rural Districts Wringing Wet

State Senator Insists Local Authorities Only Can Control Situation

From a Staff Correspondent
ALBANY, Jan. 24.—The rural districts, which led in the cry for prohibition, are now wringing wet, and will not become dry until the Legislature puts enforcement up to the local authorities, according to Senator Seymour Lowman, Republican, of Elmira.



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Foreign banks applying for license to do business in this state would be required to show assets of \$200,000 in excess of their liabilities under the terms of a bill introduced today by Senator Fred Pitcher, of Watertown. Existing laws provide such banks must have assets of not less than \$250,000. The measure also stipulates that where foreign banks, either voluntarily or involuntarily, liquidate their affairs in this state, creditors here must be given priority over non-resident creditors.

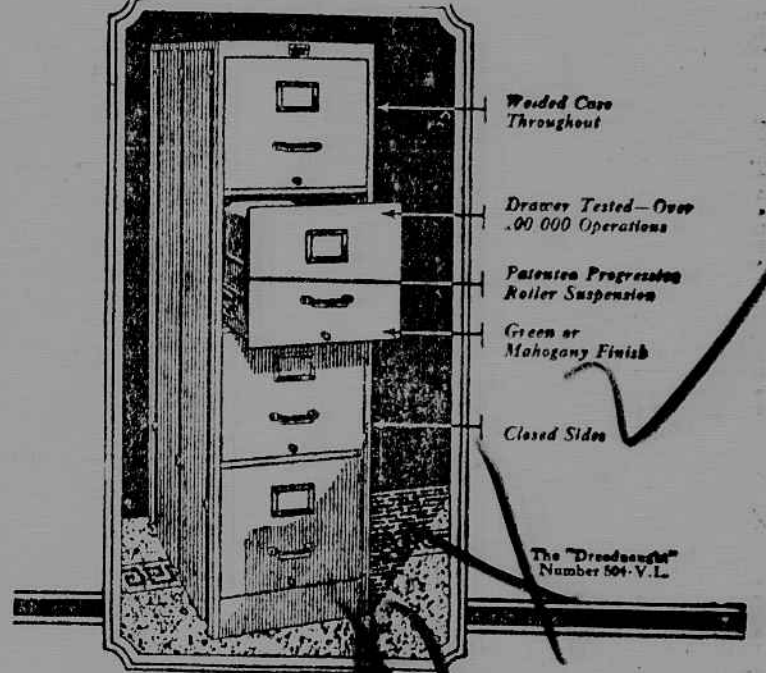
Provisions for state drug control to be entered in the state Health Department are contained in a measure brought before the Assembly today by Minority Leader Charles D. Donohue. It carries an appropriation of \$10,000. The bill proposes to restore the system of narcotic drug control

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